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## by Marvin McLwain - Editor

Members of New Brockton's town council concluded their business in less than thirty minutes Monday evening.

Most of the meeting's agenda consisted of routine reports and addressing some unfinished business from last month's meeting.

Ronnie Young, representing Southeast Insurance, appeared before the council requesting an opportunity to quote on the town's insur-

Mayor Britt Lee stated the town would not be considering this matter until September, but would be glad for Mr. Young to prepare a proposal at that time. Members of the council concurred.

Young said that he would meet with the city clerk and obtain the necessary information about sixty days before the insurance is due for consideration.

Clifford and Harold Mapes addressed the members of the council.

concerning an access-to-property problem.

Mapes told the council that a road did lead to his property where he is constructing a home; however, they have been informed that it is a private road and not a city street.

The father-son requested that the road be taken over by the town. After several minutes of discussion, the council agreed to take the matter up with the town's attorney before taking any action.

Mayor Lee informed the council

that a senior aide had been found. He stated that Robert Missidine is now working as a police dispatcher.

"Mr. Missidine started last week and I think he's going to do us a good job," said Lee. "He has a lot of experience in police dispatching."

Annette Williams, New Brockton City Clerk, and Mayor Lee reported that the town's finances continue to be in "good shape."

Lee noted that the town's income for the month was \$27,640.81. He noted that after the bills are paid the

A black and white photograph of a man with glasses, wearing a light-colored shirt and a dark jacket, sitting at a table. He is looking directly at the camera. There are plates of food on the table in front of him.

**NINETY-FOUR YEARS YOUNG...** Whitman Drug was a busy place last Friday afternoon as friend after friend dropped by to wish Dr. John Kimmey a happy birthday. He was ninety-four years old. Several of the ladies had cooked cakes and there was plenty of coffee and soft drinks for all. Although Dr. Kimmey can't see as well as he used to, he still gets around pretty good for a senior citizen. During his years of practice, Doc delivered hundreds of babies in Elba and Coffee County. A good time was had by all with Dr. Kimmey enjoying the celebration most of all. He loves people.

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According to Superintendent Roger Bowden, last Thursday's meeting of the Coffee County Board of Education was mostly routine. A request for out-of-state travel by Sharon Walker was approved. She, along with several of her enrichment students will be traveling to Atlanta, GA.

David Ritchie, the county school system's architect, informed the members of the board that preliminary plans for the PSCA (Public School & College Authority) projects have been submitted to the state for approval.

Bowden hopes these plans are approved and these projects will be completed by the end of October.

The board adopted text books totaling \$98,000.00 for the coming year. There was one book entitled *The Developing Child* which one board member wanted to review before giving his approval.

The sexual harassment policy pro-

the local system between \$100,000.00 and \$130,000.00 in raises next year.

"We do not know an exact amount because we don't know how many [teachers] are going to sign up for that early retirement," said Bowden.

"We don't get an increase in teacher units from the state, so we'll have to cut three teachers from next year's staff," he added. "It all depends on what comes out of our legislature in terms of funding."

Other matters acted on by the board were as follows:

- Approved the occupational diploma for the vocational students

ahead of us because our income drops drastically in the months of May, June, July and August," said Lee.

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Shortly before 9:00 a.m. (8:47 a.m.) Monday morning, the Opp Police Department received a 911 call that an armed robbery had occurred at a store on AL Hwy. 134.

According to Coffee County

## Farm-City Week wins big again

Sheriff Ben Moates, a young black male robbed a female clerk at gunpoint at Lasco Paris & Sales in the Ino Community.

The 911 call was received by the Opp Police Department due to the fact that the phone service in Ino is on the Opp Exchange.

Opp immediately notified Coffee County and the Elba Police Department. Law enforcement officers responded from Coffee County, Elba, Opp and the Alabama State Troopers.

The suspect took the money and left without anyone being injured in the incident.

The robbery suspect is described as being a young, black male, slender built, approximately 5'2" to 5'3" tall. He was wearing a tan colored shirt, bluejeans, tennis shoes, and had a dark-colored rag tied on his head.

## Farm-City Week wins big again

Coffee County's Farm-City Week Committee continues the winning tradition.

During the awards presentation ceremony held in Birmingham, AL on April 28, Coffee County won top honors as best overall in Division I.

The Division I category includes counties with populations over 35,600. Chambers and Cullman counties were runners-up.

This is the third time in the last

The suspect made his get-a-way with a bank pouch (SouthTrust) containing approximately \$150 in cash and several checks made out to the store.

The clerk told authorities that the man came into the store shortly before the robbery and bought an item and left. There were other customers in the store at that time.

The suspect returned a short time later carrying what appeared to be a small caliber rifle. The store was

Anyone who was in the area of the robbery between the hours of 8:30 a.m. and 9:30 a.m., and saw anything suspicious, is asked to call the Coffee County Sheriff's Department at 894-5535.

Sheriff Moates stated that his department has also alerted area banks of the possibility of the man attempting to cash the checks.

State Trooper Dale Cobb, of the

Dothan Trooper Post, was recently recognized as "Wiregrass Trooper of the Year" at an awards banquet held in Dothan.

The award is presented annually by the Elks Lodge #1887 to a trooper within the Wiregrass Area for outstanding dedication and service to the community.

Trooper Cobb was commissioned as an Alabama State Trooper in 1994 after completing a six-month training period at the Alabama Criminal Justice Training Facility in Selma, AL.

He served the public safety department for two years as a trooper in Pike County before transferring to Coffee County in January 1996.

Trooper Cobb presently resides in Enterprise and patrols both Coffee and Wena counties.

After receiving the award, Cobb said, "I'm very appreciative to the Elks Lodge for taking the time to recognize law enforcement officers for their efforts."

"Law enforcement officers have a very difficult and very demanding job," he added.

Trooper Cobb vowed to continue to strive to make the highways a lot safer for everyone.

Also attending the awards banquet were Sgt. Hugh Stinson and Cpl. Don Atwell of the Dothan State Trooper Post and Miss Kelly Bradley, Trooper Cobb's fiancée.

where," said John. "I would like to see the police department keep up too."

"Even though Elba is a small town, we are living in the era of the 90's, and in order to live in this era, one must keep up with the modern technology that is going on in the larger cities," he added.

John and his wife, Christina, have three children: Johnathan, Nicholas, and Isaac.

His hobbies are: hunting and fishing.

**REPUBLICANS MEET** The Coffee County Republican Committee will meet Thursday (TODAY), May 8, 1997, at 6:30 p.m. at Ella's Tea Room, located on the corner of Simmons and Polka Streets in Elba. Cecelia Meeks, field representative for U. S. Senator Jeff Sessions, will be the guest speaker.

**ELBA BOE MEETING.** The Elba City Schools' Board of Education will meet Thursday (TODAY), May 8, 1997, at 5:45 p.m. in the Board Room located in the Superintendent's Office.

**POWER OUTAGE.** The City of Elba Electrical Department is planning a scheduled electrical outage on Saturday, May 17, 1997. The outage will begin at 1:00 p.m. and last until approximately 4:00 p.m. while repairs are being made to the system. The outage will be rescheduled should it rain.

**COMMISSION MEETING.** The Coffee County Commission will hold its bi-monthly meeting Monday, May 12, at 9:00 a.m. in the Community Room located in the County Complex in New Brockton, AL.

**RELAY FOR LIFE.** The 1997 Relay for Life sponsored by the Coffee County Chapter of the American Cancer Society is set for Friday, May 16, on the campus of Enterprise State Junior College in Enterprise. The twelve hour event will begin at 7:00 p.m. Friday evening and end at 7:00 a.m. Saturday morning.

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## Social and Community News

### Miss Rachel Cowart honored with Miscellaneous Bridal Coffee



Pictured seated: Mrs. Raymond Adams; standing left to right: Mrs. John Oliver, Miss Rachel Cowart-honoree and Mrs. Bill Cowart

Miss Rachel Cowart, bride-elect of Mr. David Oliver, was honored at a Miscellaneous Bridal Coffee on Saturday, April 26.

The festive occasion was held at Aunt B's Bed and Breakfast, and many friends and relatives attended, despite the stormy spring day.

Guests were greeted by Mrs. Jake Morrow and Mrs. Kimmy Ham. They were presented to a receiving line composed of Miss Cowart; her mother, Mrs. Bill Cowart; Mrs. John Oliver, mother of the future groom; and Mrs. Raymond Adams, maternal grandmother of the bride-elect.

Guests were registered by Mrs. Kris Scarborough and Mrs. Ellis Brazelton.

They were served delicious refreshments by Mrs. Mark Coleman.

The dining table was filled with finger foods, fruit, punch and coffee. Spring flowers adorned the dining table and filled the rooms of the home where the guests visited and viewed the bridal gifts.

Hostesses for the occasion were Mrs. L.F. Innan, Mrs. Elmer Taylor, Mrs. Fred Young, Mrs. Bill Stokes, Mrs. Fern Cox, Mrs. Harold Berry, Mrs. Doris Cooper, Mrs. Donnie Morrow, Mrs. Fred Smith Jr., Mrs. Harold Moody, Mrs. Neil Henderson, Mrs. Vivian Lee, Mrs. Joe Clark, Mrs. Charles Pearce, Mrs. Max Borenman, Mrs. J.R. Helms, Mrs. Bob Bruckner, Mrs. Kenneth Baker, Mrs. Oscar Vaughan Jr., Mrs. Lucia Grantham, Mrs. Kimmy Ham, Mrs. Jake Morrow, Mrs. Ellis Brazelton, Mrs. Kris Scarborough, and Mrs. Bobby Hudson, owner and hostess of Aunt B's Bed and Breakfast.

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### Magnolia Garden Club holds last meeting of year

The Magnolia Garden Club met Thursday, May 1, at the Wildflower Restaurant in Enterprise for the last meeting of the club year.

Mrs. Gene Kennett, president, directed the meeting to order and directed the parliamentary, Carolyn Brunson, to proceed with the installation of officers for the year 1997-98.

They are as follows: President - Bette Ham; Vice-President - Marian Farris; Rec. Sec. - Syble Hahn; Cor. Sec. - Joan Jacobs; Parl. - Carolyn Brunson; Historian - Lurline Martin; Treas. - Annie Miles.

The Garden's Creed was read in unison. In the absence of the secretary, Mrs. Syble Hahn called the roll and read minutes of the April meeting, which were approved.

Mrs. Kennett commended all committees on work done during the past year.

New program books were distributed by Bette Ham, at which time she called attention to committees which are to function in the new year.

Delicious luncheon plates were enjoyed by the 14 members present. The meeting was adjourned.

Miss Boothe

### Boothe - Richardson wedding planned for July 19

Mr. and Mrs. Alan Boothe of Troy announce the engagement of their daughter, Melissa Anne, to Mr. Creel Richardson III, of Ft. Walton Beach, Fla., son of Mrs. Barbara Richardson and the late Creel Richardson Jr., of Ft. Walton Beach, Fla.

The bride-elect is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. J.C. Boothe of Opp, and six children: Mr. and Mrs. Sidney Stevens of Elba.

She is a graduate of Troy State University, with a B.S. in Education. She is a member of Kappa Delta Sorority, and is employed with Montgomery County Schools.

The prospective groom is the grandson of the late Mr. and Mrs. Creel Richardson Sr. of Arton, Ala., and of the late Mr. and Mrs. James Hanna of Ft. Walton Beach, Fla. He is a graduate of Troy State University, and is employed by Children's Home Society of Florida.

The wedding will be an event of July 19, 1997, at six-thirty in the evening at First United Methodist Church of Troy, Ala.

No local invitations are being sent. All friends and relatives are invited to attend.

"Miss Relay For Life" Pageant to be held May 10th

The first annual Coffee County "Miss Relay For Life" Pageant will be held May 10, 1997 at 5:00 p.m. at the Enterprise State Junior College multi-purpose room.

Categories are ages 2-4 Tiny Miss, ages 5-7 Little Miss, ages 8-11 Petite Miss, ages 12-15 Junior Miss, ages 16-20 Miss. Registration fee is \$20.00 - admission \$3.00.

For more information call Diane Weaver 308-2560.

An entry blank may be picked up at Progress Real Estate, Better Homes and Gardens, 4757 Rucker Blvd., Enterprise, AL.

Proceeds will go to the American Cancer Society.



Miss Ringer & Mr. Clark

### Ringer-Clark wedding to be held Saturday, May 10

Mr. and Mrs. Reno Ringer announce the forthcoming marriage of their daughter, Angela Loretta, to Robert L. Clark, son of Mr. and Mrs. George Clark of Kinston.

Angela is a 1996 graduate of Elba High School.

Robert is a 1995 graduate of Kinston High School.

The wedding will be an event of May 10, at three o'clock in the afternoon at the Goodman Assembly of God Church, Rt. 1, New Brockton.

All friends and relatives are invited to attend.

A benefit singing program for Calvin Lamar Hines will be held at the Opp Middle School in Opp on May 17, beginning at 7 p.m.

Calvin is the 13-year-old son of Jacqueline Caldwell Austin and Calvin Lewis Hines. He has been diagnosed with Sickle Cell Anemia.

Invitation to Christian Discipleship, the invitational hymn and acapella, will be performed by the choir.

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### PASTOR'S CORNER

Rev. Marvin C. Ennis  
Elba United Methodist Church

### WE RIGHTLY HONOR OUR MOTHERS

Sunday, May 11, is Mother's Day. It is the day we honor our mothers. It is fitting that we have a day for the whole nation to focus on motherhood. Mothers deserve our praise and admiration.

God knew what he was doing when he set up the family unit. He knew that children need the nurture and care of a mother and a father. Children who grow up without a father or a mother in the home always feel cheated - and they have been.

Our mothers took care of us before we were able to care for ourselves. Humans take more care and need to be cared for longer than does the young in the world of animals. Even in the animal world mothers take care of their young for as long as needed. God places within mothers a caring instinct.

Mothers love their children. They nurture and care for them. There is nothing they will not do for their children - even after those children are grown. We cannot say enough about our mothers. We owe them so very much that we can never repay them.

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## STUDENT SPOTLIGHT



by Shan'ia  
Justin Maddox is the son of Tom and Alice Maddox. He is a member of The Church of Christ. His hobbies are playing the trombone in the band, playing tennis, and listening to "Cake."  
Adam Brookings is the son of Tom and Judy Melo. He is a member of Westside Baptist Church. His hobbies are playing baseball, football, hunting, and fishing. The thing he likes best about EHS is the 3 o'clock bell.  
Reese Grantham is the daughter of Kenneth and Lucia Grantham. She is a member of Elba United Methodist Church. Her hobbies are playing the oboe in the band, playing the flute, and playing tennis. She is a member of Tri-M (band music honor society), Mu Alpha Theta, Sr. Beta, FHA, FFA, and Girl Scout Troop 300.



E.H.S. HAS UNEXPECTED VISITOR  
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Elba Elementary School Menus  
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Breakfast	Lunch
Monday - Cinnamon Toast Cereal, Juice, Milk	Monday - Turkey Wiggle, English Peas, Half Apple, Roll, Milk
Tuesday - Pancakes w/ Syrup, Juice, Milk	Tuesday - Beef Shepherd's Pie, Rice, Whole Kernel Corn, Butterbeans, Half Orange, Roll, Milk
Wednesday - Breakfast Piz- za or Cereal, Juice, Milk	Wednesday - Chicken Fried Steak or Roast Beef, Mashed Potatoes, Green Beans, Flaco Fruit, Roll, Milk
Thursday - Sausage & Dis- c or Cereal, Juice, Milk	Thursday - Fish, Steamed Cabbage, Field Peas, Apple Sauce, Cornbread, Milk
Friday - Toast & Jelly or Cereal, Juice, Milk	Friday - Hot Dog, Potato Tots, Baked Beans, Peach Half, Milk

## NEWS BRIEFS

## \*\*\*\* GRADUATION \*\*\*\*

by Kayron Whitworth  
The Elba High School Class of '97 will have their annual graduation ceremony on the evening of Tuesday, May 20, 1997. The ceremony will be held in the High School auditorium at 7:00 p.m. All relatives and friends are invited to join these Seniors to celebrate this spe-

cial occasion!  
Graduation practice will be held Wednesday, May 15, 1997 at 8:00 a.m. in the auditorium. It is mandatory that all Seniors be at this practice ON TIME in order to graduate.

## \*\*\*\* BACCALAUREATE \*\*\*\*

by Britany McCall  
Baccalaureate for the Elba High School Seniors will take place on May 18, 1997 at 2:00 p.m. at the First Assembly of God Church. Rev. W.L. Peterson will be giving the motivational

message. The Seniors will practice for Baccalaureate on May 15 at 8:00 a.m. in the auditorium. It is mandatory that all Seniors be at this practice ON TIME in order to graduate.

## \*\*\*\* JUNIOR &amp; SENIOR PROM \*\*\*\*

by Chastity Williams  
Every year the Juniors have a prom for the Seniors. It probably means more to your Senior year because of the fact that it's your last year of high school and the last time your class will ever be together as a group, having fun, dancing. Of

course everyone looks good that night, but they also have fun. After the prom, most people go to Senior/Junior breakfast and party some more. It is really a night to remember.

## \*\*\*\* BAND TRIP \*\*\*\*

The band went to Six Flags for their annual trip this year. However, on the weekend of April 26-27 it rained. The band was supposed to attend Six Flags Saturday and Sunday. On Saturday they went to Six Flags, but left early. For the

rest of the night they were at the mall in Atlanta. Sunday they got up and drove to Montgomery to ice skate and shop some more. Even though the weather would not permit them to do what they planned, they made the best of it and had a blast.

Read....

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Clark Theatres • Enterprise	May 8-12
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II - FATHER'S DAY (PG-13)	M-F 7:30 - 9:30 S-S 2, 7, 9
III - ROMY AND MICHELLE (R)	M-F 7:30 - 9:30 S-S 2, 7, 9
IV - LIAISON (PG-13)	M-F 7:30 - 9:30 S-S 2, 7, 9
College Cinema	May 8-12
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## ?? Question Corner ??

Cost of the Prom  
by: Vipul Patel

I asked a few boys and girls "What would it cost to go to the Prom?" Their remarks were "a lot" So then I asked a detailed version and found out that a girl spends more money for the prom.

Girls:	Guys:
Dress-\$200	Tux-\$70
Shoes-\$75	Food-\$40
Boutinere-\$15	Flowers-\$25
Hair-\$10	Pictures-\$25
Breakfast-\$20	Gas-\$20
Limo-\$50	Limo-\$50
Total \$370	Refreshments-\$50
	Haircut-\$10
	Breakfast-\$20
	Total \$310

## \*\* SGA Election Held \*\*



AMBER FREDRICK AND CASEY HENDERSON VOTE

by Melissa Bendow  
The Student Government Association, held officer elections May 1, 1997. The campaigns began April 21st with some very enthusiastic candidates. The choices for reporter/historian were Emilee Benbow and Vaughn Boyd. The candidates for Sec./Treasurer were Laura Crowe, Leslie Stinson, and Tamika Tanks. And finally Julie Roberson and Jason Sasser ran for vice-president. Elizabeth Strong was supported for the office of President. For two weeks the walls of Elba High School were covered with posters reading "Vote for Giant Reporter/Historian." These newly elected officers will attend the AASC Summer Workshop in Florence, AL, in July to prepare for the 1997-98 school year. Good Luck!



LOCAL AND FAMILY HISTORY CLASS...Members of the class are pictured above with city officials as they visited Elba City Hall on National Prayer Day.

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## Alcure Take Trooper Exam

by Bridget Money  
To determine whether he meets the minimum literacy standard to qualify as a state trooper cadet, Timothy Alcure, a Zion Chapel senior, recently took a state trooper examination. The test consisted of Applied Learning and Reading Comprehension.  
An audio tape was played during the The Applied Learning section during which the applicants took notes on the information they heard. After the playing of the tape, the applicants used their notes to answer questions from that portion of the test. Reading Comprehension portion of the test required the students to read and answer questions about a passage.  
Based on the results of this written test, applicants who scored above the minimum will move on to the physical fitness portion of the test. Applicants will have two chances in which to pass the physical fitness portion before being rejected from the program. Those who pass the physical fitness will form a pool from which the state trooper cadets will be selected. Timothy will receive his



TIM ALCURE

test results in approximately four to six weeks.

## FFA District Competition

by Courtney Moran  
The Zion Chapel chapter of the Future Farmers of America (FFA) competed in the district eliminations. Timothy Alcure, Kelyn Williams, Teresa Hall, and Chris Archie competed in Agriculture. The team placed third and earned a \$40 cash award and a banner for the Zion Chapel Chapter.



Pictured above (l-r) are: Tim Alcure, Teresa Hall, and Chris Archie.



Pictured above (l-r) are: sitting - Bridget Money, Vanessa McCraney, Angie Jinnright, and Wyndi Rugg; standing - Courtney Moran and Laura Williams.

## Fifth Grade Receives Grant

by Timothy Alcure  
An Alabama Power Grant has provided new science books, microscopes, video scopes, and prepared slides to a fifth grade class of Zion Chapel Elementary. Mrs. Jo Ann Jones, the class instructor, believes that the materials received will improve teaching effectiveness by providing the opportunity for students of all ability levels to experience success in science by using a "hands on" approach to teaching and learning.



Pictured above is Mrs. Jones and several of her students.



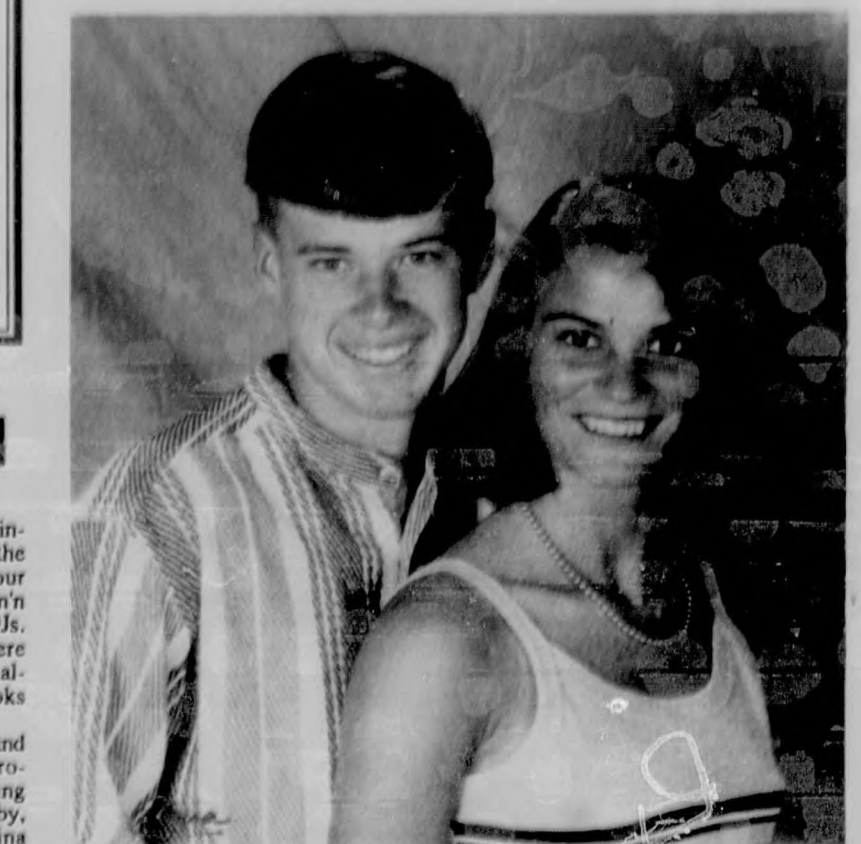
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## ZC Jr. &amp; Sr. Prom Held

by Heather Vaughan  
"Don't Close Your Eyes" was the theme of the Zion Chapel High School Junior-Senior Prom which was decorated in a romantic garden setting. The setting included a fountain and a chandelier made of gold and white balloons, streamers that hung across the ceiling, and hand made wine glasses and memory books were given as party favors.  
Punch, cookies, and fresh fruit and vegetable platters were the snacks provided for the students and faculty during the prom. Servers were Brad Ashby, Emily Mitchell, Matt Dunn, Christina Shuman, and Sharon Downing.  
Students were given the opportunity to get pictures taken prior to the prom by Denny Harlow of Jim Owen Photography. Mr. Harlow also took snap shot of the students and faculty during the prom.  
Five Star DJs provided the music and

## Prom King &amp; Queen



by Tiffany Lewis  
Congratulations to Jerod Jinnright and Courtney Moran for being selected as Zion Chapel High School's 1997 Prom King and Queen.  
Jerod Jinnright, a junior, is the son of Nicki and Edward Jinnright. He is a member of FFA, the Rebel baseball team, and the Future Business Leaders of America (FBLA). Jerod is the secretary of the Zion Chapel Chapter of FFA. He works part-time at the Elba General Hospital.  
Courtney Moran, a senior, is the daughter of Darlene and John Roy Moran. She is a member of FFA, FBLA, and the Rebel softball and basketball teams. Courtney is also a member of the Rebel newspaper and yearbook staff and varsity cheer-leading squad. She is the reporter for the Zion Chapel Chapter of FFA and captain of the varsity cheerleaders. Courtney works part-time at Kelly's Bar-B-Que in Elba.

## Count Down To...



by Brian Sullivan  
To count down the days left in this school year, a bulletin board was designed by Mrs. Lori McCrory's eighth grade math class. The Advanced Math Class also assisted in the assembly of the bulletin board.  
Each student in the class was assigned a number and instructed to choose five words to describe it. The students then designed their presentation on the computer and put it on a piece of construction paper they had decorated. A different number will be displayed on the board each school day.

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## Views from

## The Pressbox

By Ricky Mularz, Sports Editor

Random thoughts on a very busy weekend...

\*\*\*The Elba Lady Tigers hosted the Class 3A, Section 1 Softball Tournament last weekend, and entered the six-team event with high hopes of advancing on to Sub-State play, but left their bats at the house and scored only three runs in two games as they were eliminated after just two games. The losses left the Lady Tigers with a record of 13-22 for the season, and was a disappointing end to a disappointing season. The Lady Tigers fielded a very young team this season with two 8th graders and three 9th graders in the starting line-up; so, maybe better years are coming as this group of youngsters gain experience and confidence.

Back in 1993 the Lady Tigers posted a 22-15 record and made it to the State Tournament, and they followed that up with a 15-12 mark in 1994 and made it to the Sub-State finals before being eliminated. That success has long since been forgotten, however, as the Lady Tigers have now suffered through three straight losing seasons, and over the past three years have posted a combined record of 32-71. Maybe when the girls get their own field it will create some excitement and the program will turn around and get back to its winning ways of the past.

\*\*\*The suffering of a season filled with losses was quickly forgotten Saturday morning when the Zion Chapel Lady Rebels ended their season-long losing streak by knocking off Bradley in the opening round of the Class 1A, Section 2 softball tournament. The Lady Rebels had been beaten from the field many times during the long regular season, but the girls improved as the season progressed and the hard work and dedication paid off with the win. One win certainly doesn't make a season, but it sure had to be sweet for the Lady Rebels, their coaches and their fans. Congratulations girls, on hanging in there and getting the win!

\*\*\*New Brockton continued its dominance in the 2A ranks by winning the Class 2A, Section 3 softball tournament, in Luverne. The Lady Gamecocks were expected to be a powerhouse this season after returning eight starters from last year's team that finished third in the state; however, the girls struggled at times this season and looked beatable many times in which they managed to sneak out close wins. Now that the Lady Gamecocks can smell a return to the State Tournament, they have regained their will to excel and last weekend took a giant step toward heading back to Montgomery. Good luck, and stay focused!

\*\*\*The youth baseball and softball seasons are now under way in Elba and that means that children ages 4-14 are getting on the fields just about every night in front of hundreds of fans and trying to play their best. I have two children that both play ball, and I will admit that at times I expect them to play like pros; however, I always do my best to remember that these are just kids, and the game has to be fun in order for them to play well and enjoy it. Parents...let the kids play the game, and whether they get a hit or get out, cheer for them and let them know that you are there to support them. There is a lot of pressure on the youngsters when they get on the field, and they need, and deserve, your support!

## Coach-Pitch baseball action is non-stop

The Elba Coach-Pitch Baseball League opened its season last week with plenty of action in each and every game.

Following are highlights of the opening week's action:

**CARDINALS 20 ATHLETICS 19**  
Morrow scored 3 runs for the Cardinals, while Berry, Tillis, Sale, Henderson, Jones and Tyson all scored twice.

## Randy Grant chosen to head football program at Zion Chapel High School

Zion Chapel High School turned to one of its own last week when it was announced that Zion Chapel graduate Randy Grant had been named as the school's new head football coach.

Grant, the assistant head football coach and head girl's softball coach at Talladega High School, was chosen from a field of 27 applicants that sought the position.

"We've heard a lot of good things from people in the area on Coach

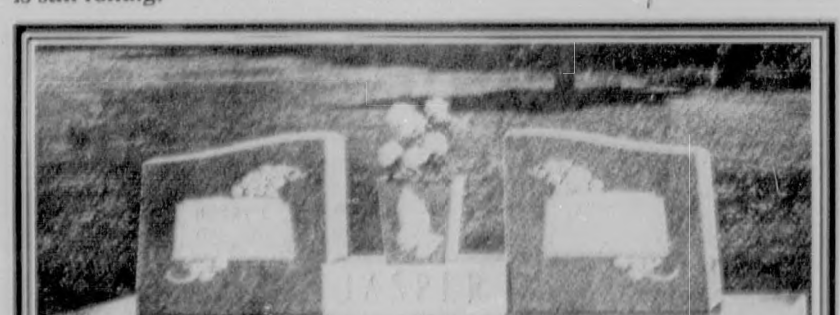
Grant coming back to Zion Chapel and we're real happy to have him join our staff," said principal Dr. Linda Ingram. "He knows a lot of parents of students in school, and hopefully this will help stir up some excitement among the students."

Grant, who will replace David Collins, will try to turn around the Rebel program that has struggled to a 13-35 record over the past three years.

## Demolition Derby set for Saturday at South Alabama Motor Speedway

Attention auto demolition derby fans! The Alabama Championship will be on the line on Saturday, May 10, when Bob Carey will present the state's first ever "Demolition Derby" at the South Alabama Motor Speedway, in Kinston.

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## In Dixie Youth and Dixie Minor baseball

## Four teams survive opening week unbeaten

The Elba Dixie Youth and Dixie Minor Baseball Leagues opened their seasons last week with two teams moving atop the standings in each league.

The Braves and Cardinals claimed two wins each to grab the early lead in Dixie Youth action with identical 2-0 records, while the Phillies and Dodgers both claimed a pair of wins in Dixie Minor action to move atop the field with 2-0 staves.

Following are highlights of action in both leagues:

**DODGERS 10 RED SOX 9**  
The Dodgers scored four runs in the bottom of the sixth inning to sneak past the Red Sox 10-9.

The Red Sox scored three runs in the top of the sixth to grab a 9-6 lead; however, the Dodgers took advantage of seven walks to rally and claim the win.

Luke Simmons got 1 hit and scored 2 runs to lead the Dodgers, while Derrick Coon picked up the win on the mound. Brit Parrish got 3 hits and scored 3 runs to lead the Red Sox, while Brandon Dalrymple added 2 hits.

**ROYALS 2 DIAMONDBACKS 8**  
The Royals rallied with seven runs in the final two at-bats to edge past the Diamondbacks 8-2.

The Diamondbacks owned an 8-2 lead after three innings, only to see the Royals rip six hits in the final

inning to outscore the Brewers 12-6. The Phillies led only 6-4 heading into the bottom of the third, but ripped out 5 hits in the third to plate runs and take command.

Mason Gully and Heath Parker both got 2 hits and scored 2 runs to lead the Phillies, while Ryan Gibbs added 1 hit and scored 2 runs. Doug Turnbull got 1 hit and scored 1 run for the Brewers.

**MARINERS 17 ATHLETICS 16**  
Jacob Forbes and Chafin Johnson both scored 3 runs for the Mariners, while Andrew Blum, Brian Blair, Jessie Oglesby and Robert Paul all scored twice.

Berry, Tyson, D. Tyson, Morrow, Hooks and Jackson all scored 2 runs for the Athletics.

**ANGELS 17 CARDINALS 15**  
Adam Henderson and Justin Pike both scored 3 runs for the Angels, while Cory Miller and Stephen Driggers both scored twice.

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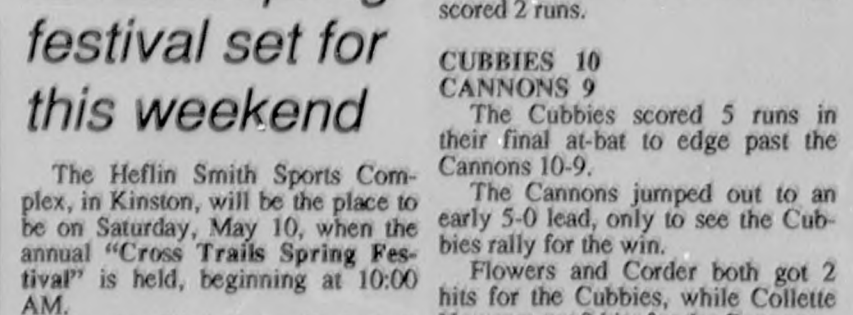
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## Demolition Derby set for Saturday at South Alabama Motor Speedway

Attention auto demolition derby fans! The Alabama Championship will be on the line on Saturday, May 10, when Bob Carey will present the state's first ever "Demolition Derby" at the South Alabama Motor Speedway, in Kinston.

The spectacular collection of cars, crashes and crunches will begin at 7:30 PM, and last until the final car is still rolling.



## Kinston spring festival set for this weekend

The Heflin Smith Sports Complex, in Kinston, will be the place to be on Saturday, May 10, when the annual "Cross Tracks Spring Festival" is held, beginning at 10:00 AM.

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**BRVES 10 A'S 3**  
The Braves' bats woke up in the third inning and paved the way for a 10-3 win over the A's.

The A's jumped out to an early 2-0 lead and carried the lead into the third inning, only to see the Braves score runs in the third to take charge and roll to the win.

Jessie Thigpen got 3 hits and collected 3 rbi's to lead the Braves, while Kyle English added 1 hit and scored 3 runs. Ralston Moore got 1 hit and scored 1 run for the A's.

**PHILLIES 12 SOX 7**  
The Phillies scored runs in bunches to claim a 12-7 win over the Sox.

The Phillies jumped out to an early 8-1 lead and coasted in with the big win.

Ryan Gibbs got 2 hits and collected 3 rbi's to lead the Phillies, while Mason Gully added 1 hit and scored 3 runs. LeRay Williams got 1 hit, scored 1 run and collected 1 rbi to lead the Sox.

**CARDINALS 11 ROYALS 4**  
The Cardinals pulled ahead early and then pulled away late to down the Royals 11-4.

The Royals scored 3 runs in the top of the first to grab the early lead; however, the Cardinals played 3 runs in the bottom of the frame to take the lead and then pulled away with the win.

Heath Parker got 1 hit and scored 3 runs to lead the Cardinals, while Marcus Henderson added 1 hit and 2 rbi's. Channon Stuckey and Josh White both got 1 hit for the Royals.

**RED SOX 9 RAYS 4**  
The Red Sox rallied late to claim a 9-4 win over the Rays.

The Rays jumped out to a 2-0 first inning lead, but watched the

score was knotted at 3-3 after three innings, but the Sox combined 7 walks with 3 errors and 3 hits in the fourth to plate 12 runs and run away with the win.

Clase Davis got 2 hits, scored 2 runs and collected 2 rbi's to lead the A's, while Brandon Petty added 1 hit and scored 3 runs. Chris Summerlin got 2 hits for the Marlins.

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